

NEW DRYER INSTALLATION



The Board of Directors of the Medford Corporation pause during their tour of the plants for a picture near the recently installed Moore roller veneer dryer. (L. to R.) Pete Ericksen—Secretary, R. J. Hogue—Exec. Vice President,

Paul Fentress, George Birkelund, Calvin Fentress, Alger Chaney—President, Jim Fentress—Vice President, B. L. Nutting—Senior Vice President, K. E. Pickens—Treasurer and James Holland.

The recent addition of a new Moore Roller Veneer Dryer to our plywood plant has increased total production and also brings about better utilization of timber. The new addition will add substantial payroll dollars to the economy of our community.

The plant is now producing 500,000 sq. ft. (3/8 basis) of plywood per day. Plant production was 390,000 sq. ft. daily prior to the new dryer installation. Annual production will now total 125,000,000 sq. ft. (3/8 basis) per year. This plant addition along with other anticipated improvements places Medford Corporation as one of the largest 100% hot press plywood plants in the industry.

The new Moore unit, housed in a recently completed 12,000 sq. ft. building expansion, consists of six roller lines passing through one feed section, fourteen dryer sections, one cleaning section, two cooling sections and one off-bearing section. This addition represents an investment of over \$250,000 and brings the total plywood

plant area to over five acres under one roof.

The new dryer was installed primarily to increase veneer drying capacity enabling Medco to better utilize the many species of logs from their 70,000 acre tree farm system.

Forty two men are employed in the operation of this new installation. This additional payroll will lend an impact of approximately one-quarter million dollars to Medford economy. Total employment at Medford Corporation is now in excess of six hundred (600) persons with an annual total payroll of approximately \$4,000,000.

Substantial investments of this type are necessary for us to maintain a production/cost level that will enable us to be competitive with other Forest Products manufacturers and the other non-forest product building material materials.

We apologize for not getting all the personal notes normally included but we thought you would rather see the pictures from the picnic.

PICNIC COMMENTS

Another outstanding success chalked up for the MEDCO annual picnic . . . and the crowd was even larger this year with 1900 attending and eating 900 chickens. Forty tanks of soft drinks were consumed and the kids had a "ball".

We would like to suggest you visit some of the businesses who supplied prizes for the games and drawings to thank them for their cooperation. Pick some from this list and make it a point to let them know you recognize their efforts . . . Crater Lake Machinery, Northwest Supply Company, Reichold Chemical Co., Marco Advertising, Sam Jennings Co., Rogue Equipment Co., Pacific Resin Co., Norton

LABOR DAY — 1964

The Medford Corporation extends it's hand in a salute to it's personnel on the day set aside for recognition of their effort and talent.

Lumber Co., Big Pines Lumber Co., Trowbridge & Flynn, Cal-Ore Machinery, Medford Hotel, Medford Battery Co., Lamports Sporting Goods, Sam's Sporting Goods, Iverson Paints, Fyrefyter Co., Hubbard Bros., Sloan & Co., Cascade Electric, Littrell Parts, Padgett Auto Supply, Piggly Wiggly, Groceteria, American Steel Co., Van Waters & Rogers Co., Mitchell Bros. Truck Line, Southern Oregon Bearing Sales, Bullard Wilson Paper Co., General Bearing Co., Texas Oil Co., Hughes & Dodd, Klocker Printery, Gandee Printing Center, Walt Young's Medford Stationery, Laurence David, Inc., Sherwin Williams Paints, Medford Steel & Blowpipe, R. M. Trumbo Inc., Mann's Department Store, Bud's Tire Exchange, Selby Glass, Medford Tree Service, The Grotto, Ginn's Florist, Weeks & Orr Furniture, Big Y, Medford Concrete, Air-Mac Inc., Harold

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RETIREMENTS

Three retiring employees gathered at the office recently to receive their Service Award Buttons and congratulations. Wayne Troxell from the saw-mill, Ted Sanger from the power plant and Leonard Biles from the shop in Butte Falls received their gold Service Awards and invitations to be sure to drop in occasionally and visit.

Wayne Troxell said he planned a

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Those with the pleased look on their faces are the recently retired employees who will be spending their time fishing and traveling while trip to Iowa to visit some of his relatives and possibly help harvest some of the corn crop . . . by machine he hastened to add. Of course he will not neglect his fishing duties and plans to make good use of his free time in this sport.

Ted Sanger plans a trip to Minnesota and Michigan to visit friends and relatives he hasn't seen for several years. He said the trip would take about a month and he will make sure to be back here as his son will join him for the hunting season. He has a trailer now so he can move to the best fishing spots and really keep up with the big ones.

the rest of us are working.

(L to R) Russ Hogue, Wayne Troxell, Hans Holt, Ted Sanger, Leonard Biles and Al Smith.

Leonard Biles said he wasn't going anywhere . . . he is happy right here and has bought a small ranch near Phoenix which is keeping him very busy. He said that after Mrs. Biles retires from her teaching duties they will probably take an extended trip.

For the records, Wayne Troxell started with MEDCO on April 23, 1942 and retired with 22 years of service. Leonard Biles began his career with the company on June 28, 1948 and had 16 years service on retirement.

Ted Sanger began work for MEDCO on November 21, 1949 and chalked up 15 years service before reaching retirement age.

VISITORS FROM ALBA, ITALY

The much publicized visit to Medford by several citizens of our sister-city, Alba, Italy included a complete tour of MEDCO plants and the woods operation. They were visibly impressed with the entire operation and our production figures.

After the tours, the group gathered in the offices and asked hundreds of questions about the company, the employees and future plans for expansion, utilization and marketing.

The cooperation and spirit of mutual

accomplishment between employees and the company made quite an impression on the visitors. This is much different than the attitude fostered by many European groups in their effort to break down strong economic free enterprise alliances and lead the people down the road to Socialism or Communism with complete government control.

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You will never offend a person by returning a smile.

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Pyle, Bill Longmore, Lee Zeismer, Len Kuckleman, Norwood Licklider and Ernie Hadley.

Some interesting things noted at the picnic — Bob Higgins has obviously thrown a football sometime in the past . . . Russ Hogue and Jack Hanson waited too long to eat . . . the editor trimmed Hans Holt in horseshoes again this year . . . bingo is one of the most popular games . . . eggs used in the egg tossing contest were NOT boiled . . . Keith Clogston proclaiming to everyone that he became a father that morning at about 7 a.m. . . and it takes a lot of film to cover this event.

A big "Thank You" to all the fellows who spent so much time and effort in serving on committees and working at the picnic to make it the success it was.

The grounds arrangements by Earl Obenshain, gate and parking by Joe Clark and Howard Mitchell, refreshments by Elmer Johnson and Joe Germain, shore patrol by George Davis, clean-up by Buzz Smith and his crew, first aid by Chan Drew, games by Stan Delgado and Rosie Rosenberger, bingo by Austin King and Sherly Hatcher, horseshoes by Hans Holt, special events by Bob Clark and Eldon Vinson, coin scramble by Jack Hansen and Mike Oreskovic, music by John Crook, sound by Jack Vance, prizes by Everett Ballard, table and food help by Bill Buckingham and his crew, food by John North.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Pamela Kay Stevens of Eagle Point became the bride of Larry Martin Leroy Dahl in a double-ring ceremony on Friday, August 14th at the First Presbyterian Church in Medford.

The couple will make their home in Medford and Larry plans to attend Southern Oregon College.